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SUBJECT: SOVIETS PROTEST RESUMPTION OF JAPAN-CHINA
PFT TALKS

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYANSKIY DELIVERED STATEMENT TO
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ARITA JUNE 19 "CLARIFYING" SOVIET
POSITION WITH RESPECT TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON JAPAN-
CHINA PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

2. AS RELEASED TO PRESS, STATEMENT OBSERVED THAT WHILE IT
WAS UP TO JAPAN TO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE ITS RELATIONS
WITH PRC, "IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT PRC CANNOT BE AN
ONLOOKER REGARDING A MATTER THAT MAY DIRECTLY AFFECT ITS
OWN INTEREST." STATEMENT RECALLED THAT SOVIETS HAD
PREVIOUSLY CALLED GOJ ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PEKING
WAS "ATTEMPTING TO BRING JAPAN INTO AN ANTI-SOVIET LINE
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BY CONCLUDING A TREATY AIMED AGAINST THE USSR." IF TREATY
WITH ANTI-SOVIET CLAUSE WERE SIGNED, IT CONTINUED,
SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO DRAW NECESSARY CONCLUSION AND MODIFY
POLICY ACCORDINGLY. STATEMENT DECRIED CHINESE HOSTILITY
TOWARD SOVIETS, AND CAUTIONED JAPAN AGAINST BECOMING
LINKED WITH PEKING'S DIPLOMATIC LINE. IT CONCLUDED WITH
HOPE THAT JAPAN WOULD PAY DUE CONSIDERATIONS TO FUTURE

JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS AND REFRAIN FROM STEPS THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THOSE TIES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO POLYANSKIY'S PRESENTATION, ARITA REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT PFT WAS NOT AIMED AT ANY THIRD COUNTRY, AND THAT ANTI-HEGEMONISM WAS "GENERAL PRINCIPLE."

4. MOFA REBUTTAL CARRIED BY AFTERNOON MAINICHI REGRETTED THAT, DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY JAPANESE SIDE TO EXPLAIN SITUATION, SOVIETS STILL FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THAT CONCLUSION OF PFT WAS FOR PURPOSE OF STABILIZING JAPAN-PRC RELATIONS, AND WAS NOT DIRECTED AT ANY THIRD NATION. IT ADDED THAT JAPAN'S DIPLOMACY WOULD BE DETERMINED BY JAPAN ITSELF, AND THAT CONCLUSION OF PFT WOULD NOT IMPLY ANY LINKAGE OF JAPANESE AND CHINESE DIPLOMATIC POLICIES. MANSFIELD

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